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Rapid River News!

From LRBOI



Ziisahaakdoke-Giizis (Sugar Moon)
March 15, 2011 Volume 6 Issue 10

(Cultural related items)

• **MIEA delegates chosen!** The LRBOI Elders chose Marcella Leusby, Delano Peters and Fernando Luchene as delegates to the 2011 Michigan Indian Elders Association at their monthly meeting on March 5th. The delegates will attend the April 18th-20th MIEA meeting in Sault St. Marie, Michigan.

• **Elders Calendar notes.** MIEA meeting-LRBOI will be hosting the afternoon of October 12th, 13th and morning of the 14th. The Elders Conference is November 4th and 5th and the Christmas Party is December 3rd.

• **Peacemaking-Probation Department**

It's time again to start thinking about volunteering. The Peacemaking/Probation Department is looking for Tribal Members to become Peacemakers. Every year we strive to involved more Tribal Members and ask for volunteers to become Peacemakers. Let's make this great year by becoming a Peacemaker. The Peacemaking/Probation Department invites you to become part of the healing

If you are interested in becoming a Peacemaker, Please contact Pat Wilson (231)398-2239 --- Austen Brauker (231)398-2240. Or by email: pwilson@lrboi.com and abrauker@lrboi.com.

"Odenaang Enjinoojimoying "A Place of Healing Many Hearts"

END DATE: March 25, 2011

• The Historic Preservation department will be having a **2011 Jiingtamok Planning** follow-up meeting on Wednesday, March 16th at 5:37 pm. The meeting will be held at the Historic Preservation offices located at 294 River Street. Everyone is welcome to attend.

• **Warriors Society Updates.** The Warrior Society has several announcements:

- o The following Warriors were elected for a two year Post at the March meeting:
 - ☐ Commander.....Bill Memberto
 - ☐ Vice Commandeer.....John Shano
 - ☐ Secretary.....Virg Johnson
 - ☐ TreasurerRobert Memberto
 - ☐ Sergeant at Arms.....Ferdinand Luchene
 - ☐ Chaplin.....Patrick Wilson
- o They wish to acknowledge tribal descendents currently serving in a combat zone as well as tribal citizens from LRBOI. Please contact the Warrior Society with your information.
- o The new Warriors Society Ordinance is on the approved Ordinances website, under chapter 700, Title 09 www.lrboi.com
- o Next meeting is April 2nd, at the Aki Maadiziwin Community Center

Kateri Circle 2011

Muskegon Four Season's
2011 Gatherings
all dates times are same 11 am to 3 pm
ST. Thomas Hall
3252 Apple Ave { M-46 }
Muskegon , Michigan
POTLUCK = Dish to pass
tableware and beverage will be supplied
Raffles and Door Prizes and silent auctions
Leader Patti Wlodkowski 231-755-4865
Debra Gutowski
231-733-2891 -- 1-616-514-6065 - cell 231-557-1634

March -- 27 Easter Gathering
Oct -- 23 Halloween gathering
Nov --- 13 Ghost Supper
Dec --- 11 Christmas Gathering
11am to 3 pm all Sunday dates
**Everyone is welcome to come and share and socialize
and share the day and make memories.....**

Debra Gutowski-Director
Native American Ministry
360 Division Ave S suite 3A
Grand Rapids, MI. 49503
234-0491x 1517 { direct line } 514-6065
Fax { 551-5626 }

(General area items)

• Tutoring Available for Students!

Where: LRBOI Old Community Center
Dates: Every Tuesday – March 22nd – May 31st
Time: 2pm - 6pm(ish)
Contact: Santana Aker – Education Youth Assistant
Phone: (231) 398-6654
Email: Saker@lrboi.com

Walk-ins welcome – Appointments preferred

The tutoring is available to any student finding they need help in any subject area. I have a strong knowledge base of most subjects, but my emphasis areas are in Social Studies/History, Geography, and English.

If you need assistance in any other education related task, such as organization, time management, etc. These are areas that I can also assist in helping. I am available to college students, but the time reserved for them is between 2pm – 3:30pm, which is before younger students are out of school.

• **Tight Lines for Troops.** The Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) and the Brain Injury Association of Michigan (BIAMI) Veterans Program is proud to announce the Little River Casino Resort & Manistee County Charter Boats' 2nd Annual "Tight Lines for Troops" Veterans Charity Fishing Tournament. On Sunday, May 22nd, 2011, Manistee County Charter Captains join other fishing boat Captains from around northern Michigan to host 160 Michigan military service personnel and Veterans on 40 four-person "Teams."

• **LRBOI cultural exhibit at Manistee Clan Muzzleloaders.** The Tribal Historical Department will be hosting a historical exhibit at the Muzzle Loading Club's Fundraising event March 26th at Stronach Township Hall. The event is a raffle and fundraiser for the club and the Homeward Bound Animal Shelter and it is an opportunity to get to know more about this fun club which has been part of our community for a number of years. Doors open at noon and close at 5 p.m.

• Internship Opportunities for Spring and Summer 2011

The Indian Land Tenure Foundation is looking to hire up to three current undergraduate or graduate students as interns: one for the spring semester and two for summer of 2011. The spring internship is a part-time position of approximately 5-10 hours a week and the summer internships are full-time positions over the course of 10-12 weeks.

All three internships are research-based and emphasize collecting, compiling and analyzing information about Indian land ownership in the U.S. These are excellent opportunities for any students who have a background in Native American history and issues or who have a strong desire to learn.

Visit our [website](#) to find out more.

• **Commerce - Workforce Development Announce 2011 Summer Adult and Youth Work Experience/Employment Program**

The LRBOI Department of Commerce Workforce Development Program is finalizing plans for a Summer Adult and Youth Work Experience/Employment Program designed to provide qualifying Tribal Citizens a work experience in an assortment of positions via its' government, enterprises and business entities. David Hawley, LRBOI Workforce Development Specialist, explains the program as an opportunity for the LRBOI Tribal Citizen to gain supervised experience in a work setting that can be included on their resume and in interviews.

The Adult component of the program will be open to LRBOI Tribal Citizens at least 18 years of age. Applicants selected to participate in the program will be required to complete up to 32 hours of Job Readiness Training during the course of the program. Selection for the program will be based on the strength of their interview and LRBOI Application for Employment which must be submitted in order to be considered for a position. Applicants must also submit a Workforce Development Application for Programs. There are a limited number of positions that will be available starting from Spring 2011 until Labor Day. The program is limited to 320 hours per participant and pays \$10.00 per hour.

The Youth component of the program will be open to LRBOI Tribal Citizens 16-17 years of age. Applicants selected to participate in the program will also be required to

complete up to 32 hours of Job Readiness Training during the course of the program. Selection for the Youth program will be based on the submission of a work permit. State labor laws require the submission of a CA-7 work permit for minors 16 and 17 years of age. No one will be considered or selected for the program without a work permit. There are a limited number of positions that will be available starting from the end of the public school year until Labor Day. The program is limited to 320 hours per participant and pays \$7.65 per hour.

Watch for full details of the Summer Adult and Youth Work Experience/Employment Program in the April issue of *Currents* and in *Rapid River News*.

• **HIS & HERS GOOD FELLOWSHIP AA GROUP** has been moved to the Aki Community Center at 2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung, Manistee. That is at the corner of Dontz Rd. and Shaw Be Quo-Ung (Aki Housing area). The group still meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening.

• **DNR Hiring Now for Summer Positions at State Parks, Recreation Areas, Boating Facilities and Visitor Centers**

More than 1,200 workers will be hired for summer jobs by the Department of Natural Resources in state parks, state recreation areas, boating facilities and visitor centers. Applications are being accepted now for positions such as greeting park visitors at the contact booth, selling Recreation Passport entrance permits, and performing operations and maintenance work such as mowing, landscaping, trail maintenance, janitorial and clerical work.

Summer employees are needed at Michigan's 98 state parks and recreation areas, nearly 700 boating access sites and 16 state harbors located around the state. Part- and full-time employment is available, with an opportunity to work up to 1,040 hours during the summer season. Seasonal employees are paid a minimum of \$7.65 per hour. Applicants must be 18 or older and willing to work varied shifts, including weekends, evenings and holidays.

More information about seasonal jobs with the DNR can be found at www.michigan.gov/dnrjobs. **Contacts: Ron Olson 517-373-9900 or Mary Dettloff (MEDIA ONLY) 517-335-3014**

In addition to seasonal workers for operations and maintenance, the DNR also hires summer naturalists to work as Explorer Guides or staffing the DNR visitor centers at one of the state parks, recreation areas or fish hatcheries. These jobs are suitable for persons wanting to gain experience in resource education. Typical job duties may include preparing and presenting a variety of programs, hikes or tours for park visitors on topics related to the resources within the parks and hatcheries. Training and program supplies are provided. Explorer Guides work individually within their parks, while visitor center employees work under the guidance of a permanent DNR park interpreter.

Interested individuals should submit an employment application to the park, recreation area, boating facility, or visitor center where they would like to work. Applicants should specify the position type -- State Worker, Seasonal Park Ranger, Explorer Guide or Visitor Center.

The State of Michigan is an equal opportunity employer. For more information about working in a state park, recreation area, or boating facility, or to download an application, visit www.michigan.gov/stateparks, under "Seasonal Information." Applications are also available at all state parks or recreation areas. For more information about the Explorer Guide Program only, send an e-mail to DNR-ExplorersProgram@michigan.gov.

• **Fitness and fun** at the old community center every Mon. and Thurs. evening after 5 p.m. family/children are welcome! We will be doing *Wii* activities and following exercise DVD's. If anyone has questions they can contact Holly Davis at 398-6610, Community Health Representative at 398-6629 or Peggy Ducey HR 398-6807.

• **The Indian Health Service Scholarship** is now available online with a closing date of March 28, 2011. We do encourage students to submit their documents prior to the deadline so that we can attempt to review their application for completeness. Attached is the listing of those health and pre health professions that the Indian Health Service Scholarship Program will consider.

This past cycle, the Bemidji Area (MI, MN, WI, IL and IN) had received 13 new awardees out of the 86 new national awards that were made and 3rd out of the 12 I.H.S. areas, behind Oklahoma and Aberdeen.

<http://www.ihs.gov/JobsCareerDevelop/DHPS/Scholarships/>

This is very competitive scholarship based on 1) GPA, 2) Student essay and 3) Two faculty/employer evaluations. It is NOT based on income or age and students may apply either full time or part time.

If you know of any students who are interested in applying for the I.H.S. Health Professions Scholarship or if you can share this information with those at your Tribal education programs, newspapers, websites, etc., it would be much appreciated.

Any questions, please contact: Anthony Buckanaga, Health Professions Recruiter
Indian Health Service 522 Minnesota Ave, NW, Bemidji, MN 56601. Phone: 218-444-0486 or 800-892-3079 Email: tony.buckanaga@ihs.gov FAX: 218-444-0498

(Tribal Government-Department items)

• **Gibner Sworn In!** Carol Gibner, the winner of the recent Special Election to fill a seat on the Tribal Election Board, was sworn into office by the Honorable Chief Judge Dan Bailey before Tribal Council on March 9th.

• **Election Candidate Information.** Candidates for the General elections have submitted messages concerning their run for office. Their articles will appear in the next **Currents** issue with distribution on March 15th. Watch the website, newsstand or the mail for the issue!

• **MICHIGAN INDIAN LEGAL SERVICES PILOT PROJECT: CRIMINAL DEFENSE AT LRBOI TRIBAL COURT**

Michigan Indian Legal Services (MILS) and the Tribal Court are pleased to announce that MILS will begin offering assistance to criminal defendants in the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Court. Starting now, MILS attorneys will be available to represent indigent defendants facing criminal charges as part of a year-long pilot project. The service will be available and free to those individuals who meet income eligibility and other requirements.

The purpose of the pilot project is two-fold. First, MILS hopes to provide high quality representation by assisting clients through the system, providing necessary balance in an adversarial system. Second, through the experience of the pilot project, MILS hopes to be able to make an informed decision as to whether we should maintain the project at LRBOI, expand into other tribal courts, or end the program as part of the commitment to serving the native communities within Michigan. MILS will conduct an on-going program evaluation with the help of clients and LRBOI Court staff.

Those Tribal Members facing criminal charges in the Tribal Court, will be notified of this project, and given MILS contact information at the first court hearing.

• **DO YOU RECEIVE SSI BENEFITS THAT ARE BEING AFFECTED BY PER CAPITA PAYMENTS?**

Tribal members who receive SSI benefits are affected when they receive their per capita payments, even if they report the per capita payments. The Members Legal Assistance Attorney has been able to assist many tribal members so that they are affected as little as possible. If you receive SSI benefits and would like assistance with how to best deal with the Social Security Administration, please contact the Members Legal Assistance Attorney: **Mary K. Witkop**, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Members Legal Assistance Attorney. 3031 Domres Road, Manistee, MI 49660. 231-398-2234 or 1-888-723-8288 x 2234. E-mail address at mwitkop@lrboi.com

• **Elders Survey Time!** Members Assistance is working on the 2010 Elders Survey for the Administration on Aging and needs your help. Participating elders will receive a gift of appreciation (\$10.00 gift card) and a certificate of participation. We are in need of at least 250 surveys and have only 83 completed so far. Elders interested in participating in this survey are asked to contact the Members Assistance Department at 888-723-8288.

Spring Membership Meeting Saturday April 9, 2011

Friday April 8, 2011 7 pm – 9 pm	Ogema Meet & Greet	Little River Casino Resort Event Center
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Saturday April 9, 2011 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Membership Meeting	Little River Casino Resort Event Center
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Meeting Agenda

8 a.m. – Registration Begins	Located Near Event Center
9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Informational Booths	Hallway – Three Fires Conference
10 a.m. - Flag Ceremony Honoring the Nations	Event Center
10:00 a.m. Opening of meeting	
12 p.m.	Lunch Served Event Center
Informational Booths Close	
1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Official Meeting Begins
2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Question and Answer Period	
4 p.m. Meeting Ends	Thank – you for attending and Safe Travel Home
Note-Agenda subject to change at Ogema's discretion and if quorum in membership is reached~	

Casino Board of Directors meetings have been set. They are:

- o March 25
- o April 8

• **Muskegon Project.** The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) has announced the launch of a website, *Muskegon Jobs Now*, viewable and searchable at <http://muskegonjobsnow.com>. The new website provides a comprehensive overview of the economic benefits that a proposed casino at the former Great Lakes Downs racetrack in Fruitport Township would provide the residents of Muskegon County and the state of Michigan. In addition, the website provides supporters an opportunity to check on the status of the project and contact legislators.

• **DNRE Seeks Help from Public to Detect Presence of Wolves in Northern Lower Peninsula**

The Department of Natural Resources and Environment today announced it will conduct a survey in the northern Lower Peninsula Feb. 15 through March 14 to detect the presence of gray wolves in that region of the state. The DNRE is working with several of the area Tribal governments on this project.

“The purpose of the survey is to verify the presence of wolves both where we have previously confirmed animals and to detect new occurrences in other areas,” said DNRE wildlife biologist Jennifer Kleitch. “Given the low probability of observing a wolf or tracks in the Lower Peninsula it’s helpful to have as many eyes looking as possible. That’s why public reports are so important.”

Wolves are a federally protected species that began naturally returning to Michigan’s Upper Peninsula via Canada and Wisconsin in the early 1990s. Since that time populations have increased and continue to expand their range. Evidence of range expansion into the Lower Peninsula came when a gray wolf was accidentally killed in Presque Isle County in 2004. More recently, wolf breeding was verified in Cheboygan County in 2010.

The DNRE is asking the public to report any recent sightings of wolves or tracks they believe were made by wolves to the Gaylord Operations Service Center at 989-732-3541, ext. 5901 during the survey period. Reports of observations can also be submitted online at www.dnr.state.mi.us/wildlife/pubs/wolf_obsreport.asp.

• **Trading Post logowear!** We are proud to announce that our logo apparel is now available online. You may go to www.baysupplyinc.com and on the left side of the page click on Little River Trading Post and place your order. Payment is via Credit Card and your order will be shipped directly to your door step. Also check back we are always adding new things to order. Thank you and Happy Holidays from all of us at the Trading Post.

• **Work Search Computer!** The Commerce Department’s Workforce Development Program has had a computer installed for job search and career-related activities at the Commerce Dept., 294 River Street. The computer may be used by any Tribal Citizen or Descendant and they must be signed up with the Workforce Development Program. The department also maintains a hard copy Job Postings Book at the workstation for all job postings through Tribal Government and LRBOI, as well as other job resource information.

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- **Commissions/Committees:**

The following commissions have current openings.

Gaming Commission	2 openings
Health Commission	2 openings
Binojeeuk	1 opening
LRCR Board	1 opening for an elected official

All other commission seats available have been filled.

(Tribal Health Clinic)

- **Wii Bowling for Elders.** The CHRs from Tribal Health are holding **Wii** bowling for the Elders at the Community Center on Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m. The fun game is really taking off and they hope to add more days as more and more people sign up. For more information, contact your CHR or Tribal Health.

“In the life of the Indian there was only one inevitable duty, the duty of prayer, the daily recognition of the Unseen and Eternal. His daily devotions were more necessary to him than daily food.”

-- Charles A. Eastman (Ohiyesa), SANTEE SIOUX

The most important habit one can develop is the daily act of prayer. Prayer is our eyes, our ears, our feelings, our success, our guidance, our life, our duty, our goal. There really is only prayer and meditation. We can only help others through prayer. We can only help ourselves through prayer. You can never become an Elder unless you pray. You can never stay an Elder unless you pray. You never get wisdom unless you pray. You never understand unless you pray.

Great Spirit, today, teach me to pray.

Court News

This information is subject to change without prior notice. Updated: 3-2-11

If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule.

Hearing Key Code

CO - Cora Offense/Conservation CS - Child Support CT - Civil Ticket
 DM - Divorce with children DO - Divorce w/o children EA - Enrollment Appeal
 EB - Election Board Appeal EM - Emancipation of Minor FJ - Foreign Judgment
 FSJ - Foreign Support Judgment GA - Gaming Appeal GC - General Civil
 GM - Guardianship of Minor GR - Employment Matter JC - Judicial Complaint
 JV - Juvenile LT - Landlord Tenant NA - Neglect Abuse
 NC - Name Change PF - Probate PPO - Personal Protection Order
 TA - Trust Access TM - Tribal Misdemeanor WC - Workmen's Compensation

Thursday, March 17, 2011; Judge Sherigan

10:00 a.m. Neglect/Abuse - 09053NA Closed Hrg.

Friday, March 18, 2011; Judge Sherigan

1:00 p.m. Neglect/Abuse - 09184NA Closed Hrg.

Monday, March 21, 2011; Judge Bailey

To be scheduled.

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. - Court staff included in a webinar

Monday, March 28, 2011

Treaty Recognition Day - Offices Closed

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THE TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT PROUDLY PRESENTS

THE 2011 Spring
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**BROADCASTED
LIVE ON USTREAMTV**

<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/lrboi-spring-membership-meeting>
...AND ALSO EMBEDDED ON THE TRIBAL OGEMA'S
PAGE AT LRBOI-NSN.GOV - 10 AM APRIL 9TH

A black and white line drawing of a person wearing headphones and operating a video camera on a tripod. The camera has a sign that says 'THP' on it. A small globe with a river is floating above the camera.

The address is <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/lrboi-spring-membership-meeting>

(compiled by Office of Public Affairs)

If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:
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Or send them direct to currentcomments@lrboi.com.
Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.